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SUBJECT: CAMACHO VISITS BRUSSELS

1. MARCELINO CAMACHO ARRIVED MONDAY IN BRUSSELS TO PREACH THE SPANISH COMMUNIST GOSPEL. BY COINCIDENCE CAMACHO CROSSED PATHS UPON ARRIVAL AT BRUSSELS AIRPORT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA (WHOSE MEETINGS WITH BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL).

2. CAMACHO MET WITH MINOR OFFICIALS OF THE SOCIALIST TRADE UNION FEDERATION FGTB, WITH LOCAL COMMUNISTS AND WITH LEFTIST BELGIAN INTELLECTUALS. MAJOR ITEM ON HIS PROGRAM WAS AN AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN VERY LITTLE PLAY OUTSIDE THE COMMUNIST PRESS.

3. CAMACHO'S BASIC MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: " THE (SPANISH) DICTATORSHIP IS DRAWING TO AN END. NOT BECAUSE OF THE REFORMS- OR, BETTER, THE APPEARANCES OF REFORMS - OF THE ARIAS NAVARRO GOVERNMENT, BUT BECAUSE WE (SPANISH WORKERS) ARE READY TO CONQUER OUR LIBERTIES." HE SAID THE WORKERS' COMMISSIONS MUST BECOME THE INSTRUMENT FOR UNITING THE SPANISH PEOPLE AND CONVERTING SPAIN INTO A GENUINE DEMOCRACY.

4. ON CURRENT POLICY QUESTIONS CAMACHO SINGLED OUT ISSUE OF AMNESTY FOR SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SPANISH MEMBERSHIP

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IN EC. HE WAS FOUR-SQUARE IN FAVOR OF THE FORMER AND

CONDITIONALLY AGAINST THE LATTER. ON EC CAMACHO SAID:
"ONLY WHEN THE LAST FASCIST REGIME OF EUROPE SHALL HAVE
TRULY DISAPPEARED CAN ONESPEAK OF THE ENTRY OF SPAIN
INTO THE COMMON MARKET."
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